

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
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1-3) Were incentives limited for any programs as a result of the higher Energy Efficiency Plan Development costs incurred during 2013 in order to stay within budget?

RESPONSE:

No Energy Efficiency Plan customer incentives were limited in 2013. Otter Tail paid all incentives consistently based on each programs incentive guidelines established prior to the 2013 EEP year.

Several factors are attributed to the larger Development costs in 2013. These include,

1. Increased hours by Otter Tail staff for developing programs and planning of the 2014/2015 biennial plan.
2. Otter Tail had more meetings with South Dakota Public Utility Commission than typically.
 - Otter Tail's 2012 Status Report was approved by the SDPUC on June 18, 2013.
 - Otter Tail's 2014-2015 Biennial was approved by the SDPUC on November 5, 2013, then reopened and approved with a budget modification at a commission meeting on December 3, 2013.
 - Otter Tail also participated in a meeting in August 2013 with other utilities and the SDPUC to examine energy efficiency and the various benefit/cost tests used in evaluations.